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**"Hills and Valleys and States in Southeast Asia, or,
Why Civilizations Can't Climb Hills"**

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James C. Scott is Sterling Professor of Political Science and Anthropology at Yale University. He has been Director of the Program in Agrarian Studies has been a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), and a Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin. He was a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences for academic year 1998-1999. He was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and served as president of the Association of Asian Studies in 1997-98. Professor Scott is also a member of the Council on Southeast Asia Studies at YCIAS.

His latest book, *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed*, was published in 1998. His other publications include *Political Ideology in Malaysia: Reality and the Beliefs of an Elite*; *Comparative Political Corruption*; *The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Subsistence and Rebellion in Southeast Asia*; *Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance*; and *Domination and the Arts of Resistance: The Hidden Transcript of Subordinate Groups*. He has contributed to numerous journals, including *Asian Studies*; *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; *Comparative Politics*; *American Political Science Review*; *Theory and Society*; *Politics and Society*. His research interests include political economy, anarchism, ideology, peasant politics, revolution, Southeast Asia, and class relations.